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Submitted herewith is the following patent application:

Title: COMMUNICATION CONNECTING DEVICE CAPABLE OF REDUCING
A LOAD ON AN IP NETWORK AND A DATA OUTPUT CONTROL METHOD

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The application includes

- x a description pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.71;
- x at least one claim pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.75;
- x Formal drawings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.81(a) [7 sheets] (Figs. 1-6).
- x Certified copy of Japan 2000-262745 filed August 31, 2000.
- x Information Disclosure Statement + PTO Form 1449 + copy of one pub.



In view of the above, it is requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1).

A Declaration signed by the inventors and the filing fee will be submitted in due course. Please address all communications to:

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